

SA Hospice and Home Health Agency WebEx 05/14/2020

- 1.) Introduction of guest speakers
  - a. Anthony Lee, Acute Disease to discuss contact tracing
  - b. Paula Terrel from Long Term Care to discuss COVID infection at LTC facilities
  
- 2.) Anthony Lee, discussion on contact tracing and the process once someone tested positive.
  - a. All positive test results are reported to OSDH at Acute Disease and then sent to the County HD where the person resides;
  - b. the communicable disease nurse follows up with the patient who is asked about symptoms and the 48 hours prior to symptoms to determine a of plan of care, including symptoms subsiding or two negative tests;
  - c. a close contact trace is completed to see who might have also been exposed (for example, speaking to someone for 10 minutes or more within six feet). If the person who tested positive was a health care provider, data would also be collected on patient contact to ensure follow-up of additional persons with possible exposure to COVID-19 until all contacts have been made.
  - d. determination would be made on necessity to monitor based on likelihood of exposure.

HAI coordinator Jeneene Kitz can be reached at 405-271-4060 should you have questions.

Q) When referring to exposure of speaking with someone for 10 minutes within 6 feet, is that with a mask on or off?

A) Mask off.

Q) What if the employee has an N95 mask and then covered with another mask, but patient is not masked? (Using CDC guidelines)

A) This would have to be looked into further but follow CDC guidelines.

- 3.) Paula Terrel, discussion on COVID-19 infection at LTC facilities
  - a. LTC facilities were instructed to review personnel to determine nonessential and restrict non-essential personnel. Instructions were also give to ascertain what could be done remotely by non-essential personnel who wanted access to LTC residents.
  - b. LTC allows each facility to make their own determination of how to proceed.
  - c. Based on statistical data, LTC facilities are trying to keep residents and staff safe;
  - d. As of 05/18/2020, LTC facilities in the State of Oklahoma has had 1121 (employee and patient) positive cases; 48% of deaths in the states are in nursing homes.

Q) Is the schedule published for when each LTC facility is getting tested?



A) We are currently unaware of if it is posted. The testing is scheduled by each County Health Department.

Q) Do you know when they might lift the regulation on outside agencies being allowed into LTC facilities for dying patients?

A) LTC is waiting for guidance as well. CMS guidelines stated it was a case by case situation. The flexibility is all in the name of protecting the residents and the staff.



#### 4.) General Questions and Answers

Q) Do we have any update on the Emergency Orders?

A) They've been written and sent for signature. We will ensure notification when signed.

Q) Do you know when regulation on outside agencies providing care at LTC for dying patients will be lifted?

A) LTC is waiting for more guidance. CMS's current guidance is that it's based on a case by case situation.

Q) Will Home Health and Hospice agencies be required to test all patients/staff ?

A) At this time, there has been no directive to do so.